

St Ignatius of Loyola

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 7th DECEMBER 2025

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 7th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 8th December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	11:00am - Mass
Tuesday 9th December	1.00pm Mass 5:30 – 6:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 10th December <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 11th December	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	9:30am Mass 9:55am-10:30am Confessions 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 14th November <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Mass

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Advent

We continue our preparation for Christmas in this 2nd week of Advent. If you are able, why not come along to Weekday Mass as detailed above to help with your Christmas preparation.

Also, continuing this Tuesday 9th December, St Ignatius Church will be open from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, please note change of time for this week, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament taking place. Why not come along and spend some time in personal prayer in anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

SPRED

This Sunday at St Ignatius Church at the 10:00am Mass we welcome members of the Diocese of Motherwell SPRED Group who are based at St Mary's in Cleland. After the Mass, teas, coffees and all are available in the Loyola Centre, all are welcome to come along.

Welcome – The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

We welcome in a special way, to the Sunday 10.00am Mass at St Ignatius Church this weekend, another candidate who has been meeting together, since 24th September, with members of both Parishes who wish to find out more about their Catholic Faith. As at the 6:00pm Mass last Sunday at St Ignatius, the candidate will make a public acknowledgement of their wish to be part of the Catholic Church with an intention to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist and The Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter next year, 2026.

Catholic Education Week 2025

It was great to have the children, young people and teachers and staff from St Ignatius' and St Thomas' Primary Schools and St Aidan's and Our Lady's High Schools join us in a special way over the past two weekends as we celebrated Catholic Education and specifically acknowledged Catholic Education provided in these schools.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the boys and girls from Primary 7 at St Thomas Primary School from the Parishes of St Thomas' and St Patrick's who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Toal last Thursday 4th December. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and provided for the Liturgy of the Mass including the teachers and staff of St Thomas Primary School.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group will take place this Sunday 7th December in St Ignatius Chapel House after the 6:00pm Mass at St Ignatius Church. If you and/or anyone you know would like to take part, please come and/or tell them to come along.

Christmas Cards and Calendars and Christmas Stamps

The Parish Stalls have on display a selection of Christmas Cards and Calendars available to buy. Please buy and send Christian cards and use Christian Stamps that are available from Post Offices, you may need to ask for them. All help to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

St Andrew's Hospice

A second collection will be taken up this weekend, 6th and 7th December, to support the work of St Andrew's Hospice in Airdrie. As many know St Andrew's Hospice provides many services including invaluable palliative care to people as well as much valued support to families and loved ones.

St Aidan's High School – Christmas Concerts

Details of the Christmas Concert and Senior Citizen's Christmas Concert taking place at St Aidan's High School on the 15th and 16th December are available on the posters on the notice board at the entrance to the Church.

Latest newsletter from National Marriage, Family and Life Commission

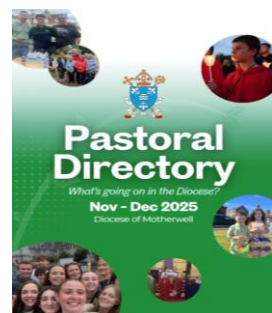
Copies of the latest newsletter from the National Marriage, Family and Life Commission of the Bishops Conference of Scotland are available from the entrances to the Churches. An electronic copy can be accessed by using the following link - <https://marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk/>

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood

A message from Bishop Toal, "I would wish to encourage you to think and pray about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. Now, as we begin Advent, is a good time to come forward, either speaking to your parish priest or contacting the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Charles O'Farrell, at frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk. Earlier this year there were a number of evenings for those considering the priesthood, and there will be another gathering at the Cathedral House, Motherwell, on Sunday 14th December at 7.30pm. Those who attended previously will be most welcome, along with any others who are thinking about their possible vocation. Fr O'Farrell and I will host this event."

Pastoral Directory

A reminder that the Motherwell Diocese Pastoral Directory is available by using the QR Code.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Ignatius Parish

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Pauline & Michael Wilson; Alice Ann Bjorn; John Dobbin Jnr; Rosanna Bulmer; Alfie James Milligan; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Elaine McCarren; Laura McIntosh; Helen Woods; Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood; Ciara Loughery; Nicholas McAnaw; Mary Goodwin; Elizabeth Cooper; Moira McDonald; John Miller; Patrick McEwan; Kathleen McElhinney; Michael McMullen; Charles Sullivan; Grace Collins; Ellen Campbell; Baby Archie Thomson; Martin McCallum.

Deaths: Gerald Cook – East Muir Street; Ella Devlin – formerly Kelso Crescent; Larry McGuire – Ivanhoe Crescent; Elizabeth Irvine; Bobby Lockhart; Maragret Russell; Isabel Keatings; Mary Brown; Fr Paddy Gaffney.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

James & Annie Haley; David Ness; Arthur & Kathleen Kennedy; Vera Dougan; Cathy Gallagher.

St Thomas Parish

The sick and housebound:

Mary Jackson, Derek Somerville, Maria McVitie, Rosaleen Gold, Mary Bradley, George McGowan, Anna Divito, Josh Hillier, Betty Irvine, Margaret Devlin, Lynn McIntyre, Carl McNulty, Matt Bradley, Muriel Brown, Thomas Kane, Adam Reilly; Dougie Meechan; Brian Dowling; Jacky Finnegan; Michael Madden; James Reilly; Pat Shannon; John Cumberton; Maria Brown.

Deaths: Mary Jackson; Fr Paddy Gaffney.

Months Minds:

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Annie Gillon (Craigneuk); James Fox; Margaret and Christopher Healy; Margaret Dunne; Donald Grant.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Collections – 29th/30th November –

Offertory Collection

St Ignatius - £2049.50 St Thomas - £795.10

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections and to all those who make payments direct to the Parishes Bank Accounts.

Parish Mission Statements – Project Wellspring

St Ignatius

“We want to encourage and support people in the practise of their faith, especially by attending Church, with the aim of helping people to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Trinity; God the Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit.”

St Thomas'

“Our mission is to embrace and share the teachings of Christ, fostering a spiritual community of love, compassion and service. We are dedicated to nurturing faith, empowering our parishioners and extending our reach into the wider community to make a positive impact and promote spiritual growth.”



The next meetings of the Parishes' Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:

St Thomas' - Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and

St Ignatius' – Monday 5th January at 5:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

St Ignatius Primary School - Mrs Clifford & Mrs Pearson's Retirement Mass and Tea

A Mass takes place this Friday 12th December at 1:00pm in St Ignatius Church. Parishioners as well as all families and friends of St Ignatius Primary School are warmly invited to join St Ignatius Primary School for the Mass to celebrate and say goodbye to Mrs Clifford and Mrs Pearson. After Mass, everyone is welcome to go to the Loyola Centre for tea and coffee. We as a Parish are looking forward to sharing in this special occasion.

St Ignatius Primary School – Coffee Morning – St Andrew's Day

Thank you to everyone who went along to the Coffee Morning in St Ignatius Primary School last Monday, the Solemnity of St Andrew.

The Loyola Centre

The "enabling works" will now begin this Monday 8th December until Monday 22nd December inclusive. Thereafter, commencing the 5th January works will begin on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of the Loyola Centre. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place on Tuesday 6th January at 6:30pm in the Loyola Centre.

Teas and ... Wednesdays after 9:30am Mass at St Ignatius Church

Thank you to all those who attended and provided the teas, coffees and all last week. Teas, coffees and all will continue this Wednesday, 10th December in the Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

The following Parish Social event is planned to take place:

Next Saturday 13th December 11:00am – 2:00pm – 'A Santa Fun Day', this event will now take place with two separate times being available – 11:00am-12:15pm and 12:45pm-2:00pm. Entry is by a free ticket only and tickets are available at all Masses this weekend and also from St Ignatius Primary School;

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 10am Sunday Mass at St Ignatius Church

The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all, will take place on Sunday, 18th January after the 10:00am Mass. Thank you once again to all those who prepare for and provide the coffee, tea, juices, sausage on a roll and all.

Foodbank Appeal

Wishaw Foodbank have been in touch with the Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference highlighting a need currently for rice pudding, tinned meat, tins of fruit, tins of tuna, pasta sauce. Also, toiletries and toilet rolls. Donations can be left at the entrance to St Ignatius Church behind the Parish Stall and these will be forwarded on to the Foodbank. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

200 Club Winners - November

1st - £100 No 89 – Mary Monaghan 2nd No 138 - £50 – Catrina McFarlane.

The Wrap Up Project 2025

The following message was received from the Motherwell & Wishaw Rotary Club, "Just a wee note to thank you and your respective congregations for supporting the Motherwell & Wishaw Rotary "Wrap Up" Project for 2025. Along with members of the Hamilton Rotary Club we collected close to 3,000 items of clothing from 30 different Donor Organisations. Every item was examined and some of the coats and jackets were discarded because of quality. A total of 2,594 coats and anoraks were distributed to 24 different charities in Lanarkshire, Glasgow and West Lothian. In addition we also delivered 29 bags of hats, scarves, gloves, fleeces, jumpers and bodywarmers. We also passed on bags of children's clothing to the Babybox Charity for Ukraine. Once again the Rotary Club's are indebted for your assistance with this project and we hope that you will be able to help us with our 2026 Project. Willie Talbot, Motherwell & Wishaw Rotary Club.

St Thomas' Parish Centre

The following events are planned to take place in the Parish Centre:

Today, Sunday 7th December – Kids Christmas Party – 12:30pm – 2:30pm – free entry;

Next Saturday 13th December – Adults Christmas Party Night, meal and entertainment – 7:30pm – late - £30.

Raffles as part of and to be drawn at the Christmas Parties continue to be on sale this weekend after all Masses.

Wayside Club

Thank you to all who have donated warm clothing and toiletries for men as part of the appeal from the Wayside Club.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 11:30am Sunday Mass at St Thomas' Church

The Coffee, tea, juice and all will not be available in the month of December due to the Parish Christmas events, it will begin again in the New Year.

Wednesday Warmer – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Warmer continues to take place this Wednesday 10th December 11:30am-2:30pm.

Christmas Carol Service – St Thomas's Church

A Christmas Carol Service will take place this Tuesday 9th December at 7:00pm in St Thomas' Church. Please come along and join in to help us in our preparations for the celebration of Christmas.

St Thomas' SSVP Senior Citizens Party – Save the Date

The annual SSVP Senior Citizens Party will take place on Sunday 11th January 2026, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. More details to follow.